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Tue 1100	WOR WRMI	9955
Tue 1530	WOR WRMI	9955
Wed 1130	WOR WRMI	9955

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** ALGERIA [non]. Radio Algerienne HQ relay via Issoudun - irregularly
--- re: ``Today May 30 (Moslem Sunday) R Algerienne HQ via Issoudun is
NOT on air at 0400-1000 UT. Only Skelton 7260 kHz relay noted til 0600
UT. wb``

Heute ist muslimischer Sonntag und die Programmmacher feiern?, - aber

warum h rte ich dann Skelton 7260 bis 0600 UT ? (Wolfgang B,schel, May 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] I guess estimated Radio Algerienne HQ World Service is NOT reality yet. All transmissions via superpower Issoudun site noted on May 26th til 29th were of IRREGULAR nature.

RAHQ via Issoudun used 7295, 7305, 9390, 9535, 11615, 11620, 12025, 13570, 13650, 15165, and 15230 kHz channels.

According our observations here in Germany, these broadcast originate from older Issoudun-A site, using FIXED curtain arrays, NOT the revolving ALLISS antennas, latter which have nearly no or less back and side lobe signals towards Germany.

In Google Earth the 39 fixed curtains are visible under 46 55 52.90 N 01 53 17.63 E
<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=46.927879&lon=1.889359&z=16.1&r=0&src=msl>>
between Les Montaines, La Boulerue and Le Chaumet villages.

Yesterday on 30th and today May 31st nothing of RAHQ via Issoudun could be traced so far, except traditional relays via Skelton 7260 9710 9765, Woofferton 11810 and Sines 7150 9765. See also WRTH 2008 Update under Algeria.

What's behind these HQ outlets? French Intelligence service bureau? Or one of the Bush administration secret services? to counterfight act against Ghadaffi's Voice of Africa broadcasts via Tripoli Sabrata and Moyabi Gabon in Sahel/Sahara zone?

Alger is unfit to provide such a huge budget. Somebody has to pay for such extended schedule of 500 kW powerhouse transmissions (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, May 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I haven't heard the Algerian relay for two days now, and it's not on this Saturday morning either (Noel Green, Blackpool UK, May 31, ibid.)

** ALGERIA [non]. Dear Glenn, Just to clarify your question in DXLD 8-065 under ALGERIA:

NEW, 13650, 0940-1000 F [? Presumably means Friday, but this was Monday --- gh] 26.05, Holy Qur'an, Algeria, via Issoudun, Arabic comment about Israel, Arab song 45434 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

The "F" means country of transmitter site as normal ITU standard in the SW TIPS in "Shortwave News". Please remember, this was my

contribution to the SW TIPS Editor, which Dario got a copy of. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ah yes, I should have realized that. I think he uses ``Fr`` for Friday. But this serves as another example of a very good reason I don't want ITU country abbrs. in DXLD, nor many other unnecessary and ambiguous shortcuts (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Amigos de la Lista, RAE, Radiodifusi n Argentina al Exterior, desde ayer 29 de Mayo est  fuera del aire. La raz n: se han robado nuevamente los cables en la zona de la planta transmisora y por ende, la se al de RAE no llega a planta transmisora. En esta oportunidad, el delito nuevamente nos deja sin servicio al exterior en onda corta. 73s GIB (Gabriel Iv n Barrera, Argentina, May 30, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Y frente a ese tipo de "ocurrencias" existen los enlaces micro-onda. 73 (Alfredo Ca ote, Per , ibid.)

S  Alfredito, pero cuando se tiene tan escaso interes en la onda corta, para qu  pensar en ello! (Slaen, ibid.)

RAE has been off the air since May 29, following the theft, once again, of some cables at the transmitter site so the program feed cannot reach the transmitters. Why not use microwave linx, at least for backup? Why even think of that, when there is so little interest in shortwave! [summary translation by gh]

Does this also affect R. Nacional relays on SW 15345, Sunday evenings? GIB has previously treated this as a different station even tho it uses the same transmitters (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Radio Provincia de La Plata presenta otro programa m s dedicado a las Radios del Mundo

EL PROGRAMA VA LOS DOMINGOS Y SE LLAMA "LAS RADIOS DEL MUNDO".- SALE DOMINGOS A LAS 8 HORAS DE LA ARGENTINA (1100 UT). PUEDE SER ESCUCHADO EN LOS 1270 KHZ Y EN LA PAGINA WEB DE LA EMISORA EN <http://www.amprovincia.com.ar>

EL CONTENIDO DEL PROGRAMA DEL 01-06-2008: MATERIAL DE RADIO NACIONAL DE ESPA A. PRODUCCION DE OMAR JOSE SOMMA, VERONICA QUIROGA, JUAN NATALE (Arnaldo Slaen, sic all caps, June 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) How long is it?

** AUSTRALIA. 0500 UT upwards is the right time for Radio Australia into Tiquicia. Most frequencies checked were delivering very good arrival. I can understand that from transmitters pointing 65 , 70 ,

and 80J as is the case of 15160, 15515 and 12080, respectively. But intrigues me how can that be from 15415 pointing 329J and 13690 pointing 353J. Good side lobe reception or hard to believe long path? (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Side lobes are hardly nulls on most antennas; and a side lobe by long path would also be a side lobe by short path (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Everything was going OK before 0800 while listening Radio Australia, Sunday, June 1. But they got stuck with the IS on 9580 // 9590 when they were about to open service. The same happened with highly reliable here 12080. Only 9475 was running regular transmission. This remained still at 0820 when I quit listening (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 6507 USB, VMC Charleville, QLD *1200-1213* June 1. High Seas weather warnings and forecasts for northern and eastern coastal waters; 1213:40 "end of transmission from VMC for this part of the program". Good signal // to 8113 USB, fair (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 2380, 30/05, RADIO EDUCADORA, Limeira-SP, 2325, Ouvida no período 2322-2330 m'sica gospel e programa religioso por OM. Sinal baixo, porém audível, PP, 25222. Rec: DEGEN 1103. Antenna: Single dipole for 80 meter (José Ricardo M de Oliveira, Rio de Janeiro - RJ - Brasil, HCDX via DXLD) Good to know it's active (gh)

** BRAZIL. 5055, Brasil, R Difusoras (presumed), C.ceres MT; May 30, Portuguese, 0955-1018 OM talks, 1000 canned ID iR. Difusora...ê, 1006 YL talks ibom dia, estamos chegando aqui na Difusora...muita m'sica sertaneja...ê, long talks segment, 1010 finally a regional sertanejo music. Short pieces readable, 1017 Brazilian 5045 splatter QRM 22322 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5990, R.dio Senado, 0943-1005 May 31. I was sitting on this frequency waiting for a carrier to give its identity, then at 0943 Senado came on with music, mainly Brazilian Jazz. A few comments from a female in Portuguese mentioning "Brazil" occasionally but no ID immediately. Music continued after that. At 0959 canned ID by a male over music. "...5990 kHz ... 49 metros... Amazonas R.dio Senado ..." Live Portuguese comments, which sounded like news, at 1001 by female. Signal was fair (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston, Florida, NRD545, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6170, Brasil, R. Cultura, S,,o Paulo SP; is relaying R. Cultura FM, S,,o Paulo with basically classical music content, and is

currently the only SW frequency of R. Cultura, S,,o Paulo, on air. 73's (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11804.7, R. Globo, Rio. OPP [???] discussion 2053 17/5, fair and in the clear. Haven't heard this for a while, and in fact listed as inactive in the 2008 WRTH (Craig Seager, Cataract Dam, near Appin NSW DX-Pedition, June Australian DX News via DXLD)

11804.8, Radio Globo, Rio de Janeiro, 1035-1054, 01-06, locutor, português, comentarios. 24322. (Manuel MÊndez, escucha realizada en Friol, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11804.71, R. Globo, 2315 31 May, getting music, then definite Portuguese talk by M in slight echo at 2316. 2320 sounded like an ID with definite mention of Brasil. Many live and canned announcements prior to BoH, some shouting, and possible ID at 2328. Unfortunately there was a lot of local static noise. Still going at 2349 with about the same strength and noise. This is rarely heard these days. 11815 was pounding in (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

11814.97 kHz, R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia, 31/5 2317 many IDs and talks about S,,o Paulo, good, 34333

5980.55, R. Guaruj·, Florianôpolis, 31/5 2334 Portuguese talks about Brazil weak but fair audio, (I think new station?), 32222. RX: Perseus, Diff. Antennas, MFJ 1020C, Prof. DBX Equalizer 1215. Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, Radio Guaruj·, Florianôpolis, SC, 2145-2200, May 31, Portuguese, football transmission (Figueirense vs Goi·s), 24332. Reported at 1040 UT (Sunday 01, June) with a very interesting program named "PLUG 700" and made by Rede Eldorado (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A situaÁ,,o das ondas curtas - Radio Guaruj· 5980 (Marcelo Bedene, DX Clube do Paran· yg, May 30 via DXLD)

InformaÁies da R·dio Guaruj· - Florianôpolis - Brasil --- Prezado Marcelo, a nossa emissora em OC 5980, em breve estar· no ar, depois de um longo perÍodo de hibernaÁ,,o (problemas tÊcnicos gravÍssimos); mas vocÍ poder· acompanhar a nossa programaÁ,,o, tambÊm, pelo nosso site: <http://www.radioguaruj·.com.br> Com relaÁ,,o as informaÁies solicitadas, em breve estarei te encaminhando. Fico muito feliz pelo seu interesse e um forte abraÁo (Carlos Alberto Silva, Exec. de contas, R. Guaruj·, via Bedene, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. I hear R·dio Gazeta, S,,o Paulo, 15325.04 kHz from 1603 UT May 31 with nice Portuguese music and talks by male. 1701 full ID. For the first time so early, normally from 1900. rx: Perseus, LW 25meter. Gr (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. http://www.dxclube.com.br/arquivos_lista_br.html

DX CLUBE DO PARAN;

MW/SW brasilian radio stations update - Version 20080530.01

New denomination:

6080 Khz - Marumby, Curitiba-PR
9515 Khz - Marumby, Curitiba-PR
9665 Khz - Voz Misson·ria, Florianôpolis-SC
11725 Khz - Marumby, Curitiba-PR

Help us sending your informations to: marcelo@bedene.com.br (EQUIPE DO DX CLUBE DO PARAN;. CURITIBA-PR-BRASIL, June 1, HCDX via DXLD)

** CANADA. CBC Radio newsreader and RCI alumnus Bob MacGregor has died. His obit is found here:

<http://www.cbc.ca/arts/media/story/2008/06/01/mcgregor-obit.html>
(Ricky Leong, Calgary, June 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CBU 690 to live on --- Looks like CBU 690 Vancouver will probably survive after all. The CRTC has denied CBU's plan for a network of FM repeaters to replace its AM stating that it's an inefficient use of spectrum in mountainous terrain. The 88.1 Vancouver is approved as a filler to overcome urban AM noise, but not the new CBU/CBCV FM repeaters. The CRTC suggests keeping CBU-AM in service. <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2008/db2008-117.htm>
End/WRH. Web Site: <http://www.dxinfocentre.com>
(Bill Hepburn, May 31, WTFDA via DXLD)

Heard this on Radio-One as well today at noon. There was some ambiguity about 690's future -- but based on the fact that repeaters on Salt Spring Island and Nanaimo (FM) have been denied - it appears that CBU 690 is here to stay, and I support that (Colin Newell, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, IRCA via DXLD)

If you read the full CRTC decision, it makes it clear that 690 is here to stay. They won't allow CBC to withdraw service from any areas that presently receive it (and the CBC wouldn't do that, anyway.) s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.) There followed a discussion of who might reoccupy 600, which is allowed to go off, leading to: (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. I have never heard of a U.S. or Canadian station moving across the border (Patrick Martin, OR, IRCA via DXLD)

And with good reason - it's simply not done, as such. US-licensed stations must operate on frequencies allocated to the US by international treaty, and must be owned, at least 51%, by US citizens. Canadian-licensed stations must operate on frequencies allocated to Canada by international treaty. I believe (but cannot say for certain) that they must be owned entirely by Canadian citizens.

The closest we've ever come to a station "moving" across the border happened in Winnipeg in the seventies. There was an independent US-based station, KCND-TV 12, operating from Pembina, ND with a tall tower right on the border, aiming its signal at Winnipeg. Then the CRTC opened a third TV allocation in Winnipeg, on channel 9. Izzy Asper, a Canadian citizen, was granted that channel 9 allotment. In order to reduce the amount of competition his new station would face in Winnipeg, Asper bought the "non-license assets" of KCND-TV - the programming, the equipment, even the tower. The KCND license was returned to the FCC. The new Winnipeg channel 9 signal was given the calls CKND, took the same cable dial position KCND had used, picked up KCND's old programming, and so effectively, to Canadian viewers, KCND "moved" across the border.

But the channel 12 allotment remained in Pembina, and was eventually reactivated, a decade or so later, as a relay of Fargo's Fox station.

So how does this apply to 1550 and 1600 in Ferndale and Blaine, Washington? The frequencies themselves can't move across the border, nor can the current ownership of the Washington stations hold a Canadian license.

If a Canadian citizen were to apply for a new station on the vacated 600 frequency in Vancouver, the CRTC would open a call for competitive applications. Here's what would happen next:

The CRTC considers several factors when it evaluates competing applications. It looks at the economics of the market - can it support a new station at all? It looks at the proposed format - would it duplicate programming already available in the market? In border markets like Vancouver, it looks at cross-border listenership, and it strongly favors proposals that would "repatriate" listeners who currently tune in to US-based signals.

So it's not impossible that a consortium of programmers who now operate on 1550 and 1600 could apply for, and even be granted, a new license on 600. But it's also not a slam-dunk, and it wouldn't (and couldn't) stop 1550 and 1600 from continuing to do what they do, with new programmers.

And of course there are good reasons to want to program from across the border - all sorts of content restrictions that apply to Canadian licensees, including requirements for specific numbers of hours in specific languages, logging of programs, religious content balance, and so on - don't apply if you're operating from the US side. s (Scott Fybush, NY, IRCA via DXLD)

Broadcasting stations in Canada must be owned by Canadian citizens but a small percentage of foreign ownership is allowed. At one point Canadian stations could be foreign owned; in fact, a few were - CKLW (both radio and TV) in Windsor ON well as, I think, CKWX in Vancouver were American owned and the Marconi Company still owned CFCF radio and TV in Montreal up to the early 1970's. At that time the 80% Canadian ownership rules were enacted by the CRTC and these stations were sold - CKLW-TV was sold to the CBC and became CBET, the others went to commercial interests. I am not sure if the required percentage of Canadian ownership is still 80 but the rule is still in effect.

And due to a quirk of the CRTC rules, the new Pembina station could not be carried on the Winnipeg cable systems. I remember seeing many Channel 12 Yagis on Winnipeg rooftops in the 1980's. Am not sure of the current situation. 73, (Deane McIntyre, VE6BPO, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** CANADA. This morning at 10:00 a.m. [ADT = 1300 UT], 92 CJCH Halifax NS's oldies station became 101.3 The Bounce a youth-oriented Top 40 station to compliment its pop/light rock sister station, the legendary CIOO on 100.1. CIOO was the station that demonstrated, back in the 1970s, that it was possible for FM to be profitable in the Maritimes, in spite of the then preference for AM radio. How times have changed!

I will be setting the Vibe's car radio to 920 to see if they do the usual 3 month simulcast on AM. If so, DXers should expect to hear new, youth oriented music on 920, little or no mention of 920, CJCH, and lots of mention of FM, The Bounce, 101.3 etc.

And, no commercials for the first three weeks. I suppose its possible that that 920 is dark already, or that it will chug with the oldies for a bit. I can't tell from my office S350. Stay tuned!

[Later:] 92 CJCH Halifax NS, 25 kW omni day and east cardioid night, now appears to be dark. 1944-2008. No simulcast period. I expect to do a post recounting the glory days of 92 CJCH. "The Best, the Most Music and More, on the Super Summer of '74" "The 92 CJCH 92 days of summer..." Steve Bolton, Randy Dewell, and of course, Brian Phillips.

Here is the website for 101.3 The Bounce - the site is in its infancy:
<http://www.1013thebounce.com/>

More on CJCH - the end of the Hotline:

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/Metro/9006966.html>

101.9 CHRK Sydney NS, calling itself "The Giant" is now on the air:

<http://giant1019.com/index.asp?mn=2>

CHRK officially breaks the Sydney area broadcast monopoly held for the last several years by MBS Radio, owner/operators of CHER-FM, CKPE-FM and CJCB-AM.

2/3 of their morning team are from stations to the immediate west - Rob MacNamara was at 101.5 CIGO-FM aka The Hawk while Tashia Lee had been holding down afternoon drive at CJFX-FM (Phil Rafuse, Stratford PEI, May 30, ABDX via DXLD)

I have no use for a station which doesn't even have a program schedule (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. Reprieve for 780 CFDR [which calls itself KIXX] maybe, maybe not! The station which has confused many a non radio junkie, 780 CFDR, which IDs itself with American wannabe call letters KIXX, might not be flipping to FM after all. More on the story direct from its owner, Newcap:

"Press Release, Source: Newfoundland Capital Corporation Limited

NEWCAP INC. RECEIVES CRTC APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CTV LIMITED'S 50% INTEREST IN METRO RADIO GROUP INC. Thursday May 29, 2:30 pm ET

DARTMOUTH, NS, May 29 /CNW/ - Newfoundland Capital Corporation ("NCC" or "Company") (TSX: NCC.A - News, NCC.B - News) announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Newcap Inc., has received approval from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for the purchase of CTV Limited's 50% interest in Metro Radio Group Inc. for \$8.5 million. Metro Radio Group Inc. operates CKUL-FM in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This transaction is expected to close within 60 days.

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Newfoundland Capital Corporation Limited (TSX: NCC.A - News, NCC.B - News) is one of Canada's leading radio broadcasters with 76 licences across Canada. The Company reaches millions of listeners each week through a variety of formats and is a recognized industry leader in radio programming, sales and networking.

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468-7558, e-mail: investorrelations@ncc.ca, Web: www.ncc.ca

Source: Newfoundland Capital Corporation Limited"

OK, back to the ABDX analysis. The CRTC has a rule in place. I could go into exhaustive detail, and maybe someday when I'm CRTC Chair [and pigs sprout wings and fly] I will. But, in a nutshell, you can't own more than two FM stations in a market.

Newcap already owns Q104 in Halifax. They own 1/2 of CKUL. They are now going to buy the other half of CKUL from CTV/Bell/Globemedia/CHUM [whatever they call themselves this month] who own, guess what, CJCH and big sister, the long dominant numero uno force in Halifax radio, the mighty, the imposing, the bland CI00. That gives them Newcap 2 FM stations - but oops, now they can't convert CFDR, even though they received CRTC approval for that last year - which was subject to them getting rid of their half share of CKUL.

So, they can't flip CFDR to FM. They could wait, and see if the CRTC might change the rule. They might sell CFDR - they wouldn't get a penny for it as an AM station in the Halifax market, but since it has flip to FM approval, it might be a pretty hot commodity. They might keep CFDR as an AM station and continue to break even or more likely lose money - perhaps they need a good CRA [Canada Revenue Agency] tax write off. Or, they just might let CFDR go dark, sell the transmitter, the transmitter site land, etc. Time will tell.

I'm betting my nickels on the latter. Time will tell (Phil Rafuse, PEI, May 30, ABDX via DXLD)

** CHAD. 4904.97, RNT, 2205-2232*, May 30, threshold signal with talk & music. Too weak to catch any details but signal came up out of mud at 2231 just in time to ID the National Anthem at sign off. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [non]. FARC has FM station in VENEZUELA: q.v.

** CUBA. RHC did it again, slow to turn off the 11750 transmitter at 2300 conclusion of Spanish to Europe, June 1. Instead, added one eighth of an hour in English, which is supposed to be on 9550 only, until abruptly cut at 2307.5*

Also, RHC 11680 is colliding with Spain! June 2 at 0110 I was hearing

Castilian mixed with Spanish from two stations less than 1 Hz apart, roughly equal strength. REE is scheduled here at 2300-0200 to South America. Commies vs former Colonialists! RHC extended usage of this frequency two or three months ago, oblivious of Spain, which of course is in HFCC while Cuba is not (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. CUBA??? Radio Nacional Venezuela-RNV, 11750, 2236, Spanish, 433, May 29, OM and YL with comments. Mention of Radio Nacional Venezuela 2240. This is possibly a relay via Cuba??

CUBA, Radio Nacional Venezuela Relay-RNV 11670, 2240 Spanish, 444, May 29, YL with an ID then instrumental music. Then a YL with RNV ID and more comments (Stewart MacKenzie, WDX6AA, Huntington Beach, California, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You should have checked to see if 11750 was // 11670! Since you logged these 4 minutes apart. 11750 is supposed to be RHC itself, and they could have been mentioning RNV. Or they could have had a feed mixup (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. RDS "Primera" on 88.1 at 1827 is 88.1 HIGP Santiago, DR at 1433 miles (Nick Langan, Florence, NJ My DX page: [http://www.wnjl.com/dx/ WTFDA via DXLD](http://www.wnjl.com/dx/WTFDA%20via%20DXLD)) 2227 UT May 31

Just popped up here too, with Spanish singing. 1,390 miles (Michael Temme-Soifer, Egg Harbor City, NJ, Yamaha T-80, BA Recepter Hdm APS-13 @ ~35', FM29QM, ibid.)

89.7 HION Santiago also in and out // webstream. MUF seems to be right at 90 so far (Nick Langan, Florence, NJ, 2246 UT, ibid.)

HION-TV is one of the very few TV Channel 37's in existence (Bill Hepburn, Ont., ibid.)

!! Too close to Arecibo; and to everywhere by moonbounce (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromia (transmitter site Geja Dera?) has address P. O. Box 2919, Adama, Ethiopia. The station identifies as "Kun Sagalee Raadiyoo Oromiyaati" (= "This is the Voice of Radio Oromia"). Radio Oromia is funded by the Oromia State government (and it is not owned/operated by Radio Ethiopia, they still have their own separate Oromo language service). The number of staff is currently over 250 and also their new regional TV station is expected to start later this year. 73, (Ilpo Parviainen, Finland, June 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 5950, Voice of Tigray Revolution, 0310-0330, May 31, surprisingly strong. Completely covering Taiwai via Okeechobee

with Horn of Africa music. Amharic talk. A very weak Okeechobee heard underneath Tigray. // 6170-poor to fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Radio Nederland Wereldomroep/Radio Een program via Nauen 9895 kHz on spurs 9772.5 and 10017.5 kHz, 122.5 kHz apart, 0559 until 0757 UT (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, June 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Radio 700 SWL program --- Radio 700 in a letter dated May 28 told me they have introduced a new greetings program for shortwave listeners on Sundays 1400 till 1600 UT. Don't know if this is on 6005 only or on <http://www.radio700.eu> as well. Regards, (Harald Kuhl, DXplorer via Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD)

6005 - now daily 0800-2000 UT. ... Today have got reply to the Media program Sats 1305-1400 UT from Northern, Southern and Eastern Germany, from France, Italy, GB, Sweden, Poland, and Russia. 1 KW of power only. And not to forget Internet Livestream <http://www.radio700.at/streams/radio700-dsl.aspx> Best 73 + 55 (Hans Werner Lange, Germany, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 31 via DXLD)

** GERMANY EAST. Of interest was the Radio Berlin International Blog and I certainly remember Marjorie Milner who if I remember correctly presented the Mailbag programme. Many times she would tell off those who wrote East Germany on the address instead of DDR which should have been used. On the subject of DDR (East Germany) I remember tuning in often to Stimme DDR (Voice of the Deutsche Democratic Republic) German service on 6115 from around 1515 UTC and they would present a programme of western pop music which according to RBI was decadent and one song I remember was by The Animals and titled We've Gotta Get Out of This Place, which I heard on this station a few years before the fall of Communism (Edwin Southwell, Radio Topics, June World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** GREECE. QSL card received from the Voice of Greece verifying reception on 15630 kHz between 0500-1000 on 10 June and 8 July 2007, and 9420 kHz between 1100-2300 on 7, 14 and 15 July 2007. The addresses shown are probably better than those given in the annuals, i.e.:

. ERT S.A.,
ERA - E' Programme,
The Voice of Greece
432, Messoghion Av.
15342 Aghia Paraskevi
Athens, Greece

. ERT S.A.,

Direction of Engineering and
Development,
P.O.B. 60019
15310 Aghia Paraskevi
Attikis, Athens, Greece

Voice of Greece phone numbers in Passport and WRTM are okay, the
country code is 30 and area code 210. Best wishes to all. (DC 2527)
(David Crystal, Radio Topics, June World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4604.94, RRI Serui, 1200-1242+ May 31. Went from music
into Jak relay at 1200:20 with no SCI; back to local programming at
1226 with M announcer comments, then Indo vocals. Fair (John Wilkins,
Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list
via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 11784.86..85, VOI Arabic at 1630 UT well ahead of co-
channel noise. And German service at 1800-1900 UT only tiny to fair
signal, today May 31 (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non]. Space Shuttle-related HF comms

"BRD" (Booster Recovery Director) comms with "Cape Radio" now (1505z)
on 5711 kHz USB. Earlier I heard comms between "Cape Radio" and SRB
Retrieval Ship "Freedom Star" on 5711 as well as on 10780 kHz USB.
BRD just informed Cape Radio that they will remain using 5711 unless
the frequency becomes unusable.

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5711 kHz USB, 1953z: "BRD" (Space Shuttle Booster Recover Director)
working "Freedom Star" and "Liberty Star" (Space Shuttle Booster
Recovery Vessels); vessels pass location coordinates, heading, weather
conditions, temperature, sea state; BRD updates vessels on launch
status. (31 May 2008) (AL STERN, Satellite Beach FL, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** IRAN. (non). via Kuwait, 5860, Radio Farda, 0220-0240, May 31,
Euro-pop/techno-pop dance music. Mid-Eastern pop music. Talk in listed
Farsi. IDs. Possible news at 0230. Weak. Much stronger on // 7280-via
Germany. Weak // 9510-via Germany (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [and non]. KARGIL RADIO TO BROADCAST NEWS BULLETIN IN BALTI
--- By Iftikhar Gilani
[http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?
page=2008%5C05%5C31%5Cstory_31-5-2008_pg7_56](http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2008%5C05%5C31%5Cstory_31-5-2008_pg7_56)

NEW DELHI: The newly inaugurated and upgraded Kargil radio station of
All India Radio in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) will soon broadcast daily

news bulletin in Balti to encourage local and Pakistan's Northern Areas' audiences.

Broadcasting Corporation of India Chief Executive Officer BS Lalli said the Balti service would go on air within the next two months.

The J&K chief minister has inaugurated the 200 kilowatts (KW) high power transmitter of All India Radio at Kargil. He said the transmission hours of the radio station would be extended from five hours at present to ten hours, with five hours of transmission in local languages and the rest for Urdu transmission (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india yg via DXLD)

AIR KARGIL WAVES TO GO ACROSS BORDER

<http://www.merinews.com/catFull.jsp?articleID=134960>

On May 30, All India Radio, Kargil, was put on 200 kilowatt high power transmitter to broaden its reach to all the districts of the state and the northern areas under occupation of Pakistan. This was mainly done to propagate regional culture.. CJ: Rajesh Bhat, 8 hours ago

IN YET another effort to strengthen radio network in the border state of Jammu and Kashmir, the All India Radio (AIR), Kargil, on May 30 was put on 200 kilowatt high power transmitter so that its broadcast could reach all the districts of the state and the northern areas under the occupation of Pakistan.

The station was presently functioning with a strength of only one kilowatt and there was a dire need to upgrade the station to propagate the regional culture and also to counter the propaganda from across the border. Chief minister of J&K, Ghulam Nabi Azad, who inaugurated the upgraded transmitter from one to 200 kW, said that it was an important day for the people of the district as the station would now be heard in the entire region and across the border. "The upgradation of AIR Kargil Station would further help the government welfare and development measures reaching the people of the region and their separated brethren across the Line of Control (LoC)," the chief minister said.

The Prasar Bharati has, in the meantime, decided to extend the transmission hours of AIR Kargil from five hours to 10 hours. The chief minister said that five hours of transmission would be in local languages. While another five hours would be dedicated to Urdu, the state language. He said that Urdu connected the three regions of the state where people spoke different languages and dialects. He assured people that the upgraded radio station would promote local culture and languages.

Azad also welcomed the assurance by the chief executive officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati, BS Lalli, that local news bulletin would soon be broadcast from AIR Kargil. He said that the radio station was fitted with two generators of one megawatt each to augment power and ensure interruption free transmission. He said the pair of generators was the biggest for any radio station in the country.

Lalli, on the occasion, said that apart from starting local news bulletin from AIR Kargil, Doordarshn would shortly display temperature of this arid dessert [sic] region in national news bulletins.

The Kargil station, along with other radio stations in J&K, have played a vital and significant role in promoting the art and culture of the area besides countering the enemy propaganda from across the border. During the wars and conflicts of 1947, 1962, 1965, 1971 and Kargil intrusion of 1999 and even during peace times and natural calamities, the radio stations in J&K have efficiently shouldered the responsibility in fighting the war of words.

The first radio station in Jammu and Kashmir was set-up on December 1, 1947 at Jammu in the backdrop of the partition and tribal raid, when rumour mongers were calling shots and disturbing communal harmony in this sensitive border state. In the same year, the state had acceded to India on October 26, 1947 after the signing of the Instrument of Accession with the Union of India. Radio Kashmir, Srinagar, started operating from July 1, 1948 (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, *ibid.*)

Another press report on AIR Kargil.....

CM Inaugurates Radio Transmitter --- GK NEWS NETWORK

http://www.greaterkashmir.com/full_story.asp?Date=31_5_2008&ItemID=56&cat=1

Kargil, May 30: Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad today assured people of Kargil district of good news within a week regarding the opening of a university campus. The Chief Minister was addressing a public meeting here after he inaugurated the 200 kW high power transmitter of AIR Kargil. The Chief Minister welcomed the up-gradation of the AIR Kargil transmitter from 1 to 200 kW and said that it was an important day for the people of the district. He said with the inauguration of the high power transmitter the transmission from the station would now be heard not only in the entire Ladakh region but also in almost all the districts of Jammu & Kashmir and the Northern Areas under Pakistan's occupation. He said the transmission hours were also now extended from 5 hours at present to 10 hours. He said for 5 hours the transmission would be in local languages while another 5 hours would be dedicated for Urdu, the State language. He said Urdu language connects the three regions of the State where people speak different

languages and dialects. He assured people that the up-graded radio station would promote local culture and languages.

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WTFK??? Per WRTH 2008, Kargil A, on 684 kHz is already 200 kW and so was it in 2007; Kargil B on 1584 is 1 kW, but what about the eight other AIR on 1584 also with 1 kW. Or must Kargil B move to another channel in order to increase power? How can these three stories go on and on about this and never even mention the frequency?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I see that Media Network assumes this refers to 684, but how can it be ``inaugurated`` at least two years after it became 200 kW? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KASHMIR [and non]. WORLD'S HIGHEST RADIO STATION GETS SATELLITE UPLINK --- Merinews India 30 May 2008

Leh has enhanced the reach of the world's highest radio station located at 11,800 ft above the sea level. . . (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

No, it isn't. Another story lies. As I already debunked this in DXLD 8-065, ground level at Lhasa is 12000 feet even, and the radio stations are surely higher than that. Doesn't anybody care about the easily checked facts? (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

I just meant to mention Lhasa as well, in regard to the highest studio site. When it comes to transmitters it's not even necessary to leave Central Europe to beat the alleged highest one:
<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/tvignaud/galerie/tv-fm/74aiguille-midi.htm>
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, *ibid.*) Viz.:

Chamonix - Aiguille du Midi
Altitude du site : 3842 m [12,602 feet]
Hauteur du pylône : 25 m
Site d'Émission français ayant la plus grande altitude
Coordonnées : 06E53-45N52 ([illustrated!]) via Ludwig, *ibid.*)

Don't forget La Paz, Bolivia. Parts if it are over 12,000 feet. And the surrounding mountains are even higher (Jerry Lenamon, TX, *ibid.*)

** KOREA NORTH. 6101.32, KCBS, Kanggye. Usual format, Korean talks, music 2013, het with 6100, 17/5 (Craig Seager, Cataract Dam, near Appin NSW DX-Pedition, June Australian DX News via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. Seems we have quite a feasting going on at the moment with SW sites revealing themselves. An extraordinarily good image is now available of most the IBB Kuwait site: 29 30 47N, 47 40 23E. Enjoy this one. Regards (Ian Baxter, Australia, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** LAOS [non]. Hmong Lao Radio missing from 11785, Sunday June 1 at 1322 check, just Firedrake and VOA Chinese via Thailand. O, there it is on new 11750! Not a spur either, as the 11785 transmitter had been producing for about a week, but right on 11750 alone. Rechecked at 1503, 11750 was still on with WHRI gospel huxter in English. I didn't have a chance to check later in the day to see how long WHRI stayed on 11750, but at 2304 it was back on 11785, fortunately for RHC.

Is 11750 shown on WHR's own website <http://www.whr.org/Frequencies.cfm> ñ of course not, and still not when rechecked at 0047 UT June 2. Angel 6 is now supposed to be running on 11785 all the way from 1300 to 2400.

Is 11750 on HLR's own website <http://www.h-lr.com/> No! Still shows 11785 Sundays at 8 am US time, as if we had only one timezone.

In fact WHRI 11750 is not to be found on any online SW schedule, yet? Not even EiBi just updated May 29.

Bad news for BBC via Thailand, supposedly on 11750 at 1200-1400, altho I could not hear any of it under WHRI, so there may be less interference for HLR in CNAM than there was on 11785. Or maybe it was a mistake. Or maybe it was a test (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. Voice of Malaysia, Kajang 15295, 0908 UT 31/5, News by female about India and Jakarta. Good audio and signal, 34333 Gr (Maurits Van Driessche from Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 4800, XERTA (presumed), MÈxico City; June 1, Spanish, 0741-0752, Spanish pop romantic music, 0742 male talks i...contiene las buenas noticias de salvaciûn...î. Rechecked later at 0911, ID by female i...transcontinental...î, another ID at 0932. Much fading at first check but from 0910 to 0935 had some enhancement, 23322 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4800, XERTA, 0909 to 0911 full ID with call letters by YL, very strong

signal. 1 June (Bob Wilkner, FL, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. MOROCCO REVIVES DAYLIGHT SAVING [sic, thruout] SCHEDULE IN 2008 --- Published 22-May-2008

For the first time since the late 1970s, Morocco will use daylight saving time to alleviate energy costs and to align itself timewise with neighboring European countries. Morocco will observe daylight saving time by moving the clock one hour forward (UTC+1) at midnight between May 31 1and June 1 in 2008.

Parts of the Western Sahara that are controlled by Morocco will also change their clocks with the rest of the nation. The country will return to its official standard time (UTC+0) by reverting the clock one hour back at midnight between September 27 and September 28 in 2008.

Motives for the Schedule

According to Communication Minister Khalid Naciri (cited in MAP, the Moroccan state news agency), the government planned to revive daylight saving time to save energy and align itself timewise with its regional and international partners, particularly the European Union countries. An official from the National Office of Electricity (ONE) in Morocco said that the office supported the call for an alignment with European countries. Organizations such as ONE are willing to try out the idea that daylight saving time may save more energy and money for the country.

The Moroccan government also hopes to use the daylight saving schedule to combat the impact that increasing hydrocarbon prices in the international markets have on government's budget. The government anticipates that tourism development will increase as a result of longer afternoons in the summer months during the daylight saving period.

Potential impacts

It is believed that the daylight saving schedule would not heavily impact on daily life, but issues may arise when people of Islamic faith begin to observe the holy month of Ramadan ñ the month of fasting ñ on September 2, 2008. According to Central Intelligence Agency: World Factbook, 98.7 percent of Morocco's population is Muslim.

However, aside from the government's announcement about daylight saving time, not much more information is available at this stage and there is not a great deal of public backlash.

Morocco's Recent Daylight Saving History

Morocco observed daylight saving time during the 1970s but discontinued it after 1978 due to its unpopularity among the Moroccan population at the time. Moreover, many people felt that daylight saving time did not create any major benefits for the country and its people.

The four months of the revived daylight saving schedule are considered as a trial period. At the end of this period, the schedule ñ its benefits and disadvantages ñ will be reviewed for a decision to extend it. If its disadvantages outweigh its benefits, daylight saving time may be abolished. However, if it proves to be successful, daylight saving time may be used either only during the summer months or throughout the whole year (<http://www.timeanddate.com> via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealand Int. detected on new 13730, Sat. May 31st, 0055, with fair to poor propagation, and splatter from Radio Canada Int. Spanish on adjacent 13725. On the clear but still poor altho audible at 0100.

Finally Radio New Zealand Int. made the expected move to 9615 at 0500 from May 31 (dropping 11725) providing a clean and beautiful signal. They remained on this frequency till 1100 during A07, without making that change at 0700 to 7145, which anyway has been working well lately (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, May 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Friday, 30 May 2008 FREQUENCY SCHEDULE Effective from 30 May, 2008

ANALOGUE SERVICE

UTC	kHz	Primary Target
1300ñ1550	6170	Pacific
1551ñ1850	7145	Cook Islands Samoa, Niue, Tonga, Fiji
1851ñ1950	9615	Pacific
1951ñ2050	11725	Pacific
2051-0258	13730	Pacific **Change**
0259-0458	15720	Pacific **Change**
0459-0658	9615	Pacific [this is also a change! gh]
0659-1058	7145	Pacific
1059-1258	9655	NW Pacific, Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, Timor

DRM SERVICE - A DRM Capable Receiver is required for this service

UTC	kHz	Primary Target
1200-1550		NO SERVICE AT THIS TIME
1551-1850	6170	Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, Tonga, Fiji
1851-1935	9890	Samoa, Niue, Fiji, Cook Islands, Tonga
1936-2050	11675	Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Fiji, Cook Islands
2051-0258	15720	Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
0259-0458	11675	Samoa [was 13730, briefly??]
0459-0658	9890	Pacific
0659-1158	6170	Pacific

(Adrian Sainsbury, RNZI, June 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Compare to the different version: <http://www.rnzi.com/pages/listen.php>

**** PAKISTAN. RADIO PAKISTAN WORLD SERVICE LIVE AUDIO**

Hi Glenn, Radio Pakistan website audio link is functional nowadays. In addition to the live audio of Radio Pakistan Islamabad station another link has been recently introduced for the World Service in Urdu from Islamabad. The transmission on shortwaves for Middle East and Europe can now also be heard on the website <http://www.radio.gov.pk> as per following schedule. [but all one UT hour earlier now? See below]

0500-0700 UT ME transmission
 0830-1105 UT Europe transmission [including English at 1100, now 1000]
 1330-1530 UT ME transmission
 1700-1900 UT Europe transmission

The audio link has been found functional mostly. Perhaps they should introduce another link for the external services live audio in view of poor condition of the transmitter. Regards (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, May 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Good, but unfortunately uncludes English at 1600-1615! Also, Pak has just started DST of UT +6, which absurdly puts it a semihour ahead of India, which is east of Pakistan, rather than a semihour behind India: (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

JUNE CHANGES: Pakistan and Morocco [q.v.] will turn their clocks one hour ahead at midnight between on May 31 and June 1 to observe daylight saving time. In the meantime, South Africa decided not to pursue daylight saving time after much speculation.

PAKISTAN TURNS TO DAYLIGHT SAVING [sic, thruout] TO ADDRESS POWER CRISIS --- Published 15-May-2008. Changed 30-May-2008

For the first time since 2002, Pakistan will use daylight saving time to save energy as it faces a power crisis. The clocks will move one hour ahead (to UTC+6) at midnight between Friday, May 31, and

Saturday, June 1, in 2008.

The need for daylight saving

Like many other countries, Pakistan plans to use daylight saving time to save energy during the peak summer season. Pakistan is struggling to cover for a 4000-megawatt power shortfall, and the problem may intensify as summer approaches. The power crisis results mainly from a 50-percent reduction in hydropower generation due to falling river water levels caused by the slower melting of snow, according to Pakistan's Minister for Water and Power Raja Pervez Ashraf (cited in ThaIndian News).

Daylight saving time is used to save energy by extending daylight, therefore reducing the need to use artificial lighting, air-conditioning and other electrical appliances. In recent times, electricity supplies to homes, businesses and factories across Pakistan were cut for several hours a day.

Other energy-saving initiatives

Pakistan's federal cabinet called for all markets in the country to close by 9pm on June 1, 2008, to prepare for daylight saving time, which is expected to last until late August. Moreover, Pakistan's cabinet recently decided to invite international bids for generating 1200 megawatts (MW) of electricity on a fast-track basis. A barge-based power plant would be imported to meet the needs of the commercial capital Karachi and the 1200 MW being consumed by the southern port town would be diverted to other cities, according to Ashraf (cited in ThaIndian News).

The country's industrial zones will also observe off-days on a rotation basis and air-conditioners in all government offices will be switched off between 8am and 11am. The government plans to import 10 million energy-saving bulbs.

End date

Timeanddate.com recently contacted Pakistan's Ministry of Interior to confirm the accuracy of the nation's daylight saving schedule. A government official from the Ministry said clocks would most likely move back one hour at midnight between August 31 and September 1 in 2008. He also said no intermission has been given to change the schedule.

Recent daylight saving history

Similar moves to introduce daylight saving time in the country have

failed previously. In 2002, the government decided to adopt daylight saving time, beginning from the first week of April, to maximize the use of daylight and to save energy. Daylight saving time ended on the first Sunday in October that year and has not been used since. The daylight saving plan failed due to a number of reasons. There were people who did not know about daylight saving time and others blamed the government for not informing or educating the public about daylight saving time ñ its functionality and the rationale behind using it (<http://www.timeanddate.com> via DXLD)

Will this have any effect on timing of R. Pakistan external services? Surely will affect domestic services, some of which appear also on SW. VOA, or whatever they call it at the moment, is right on the ball, and shifts one UT hour earlier; see USA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Following the change to DST in Pakistan, the 1100 UT English news bulletin on 15100 and 17835 (and webcast) is now heard at 1000. Heard here today (1 June) on 17835 with poor audio (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, June 1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yet another station too inward-looking to figure out that external broadcasts should stay on UT, regardless of local clock changes (gh)

** PERU. 4805, R. San Juan, San Juan Bautista. Presumed, a new one, traditional Andean music 0630, quite strong here on 17/5, but difficult conditions due to local thunderstorms (Craig Seager, Cataract Dam, near Appin NSW DX-Pedition, June Australian DX News via DXLD)

** PERU. LISTADO ACTUALIZADO ONDA MEDIA (AM) LIMA JUNIO 2008

540 OBX4E - Inca - "Inca 540 la radio de los emprendedores"
560 OBZ4L - La Voz del Oriente - "sintonízate con la mejor"
580 OAX4M - María
600 OBZ4W - Cora "yo soy Cora"
620 OBU4B - Ovación "Un mundo en sintonía"
640 OAZ4K - Del Pacífico (40 kw)
660 OCX4R - La Inolvidable "tus mejores recuerdos" (= FM 93.70 Mhz)
680 *0D* - RPP - (solo en las noches, probablemente una repetidora via satélite porque hay retardo de 2 segundos comparada con AM 730)
700 OBZ4H - R-700 La Grande - "la radio de tus recuerdos"
730 OAX4G - RPP - "RPP, La voz del Perú" (50 kw) (= FM 89.70 MHz)
760 OBZ4X - Mar - "Radiomar Plus, categóricamente superior" (= FM 106.30 MHz)
780 OAX4X - Victoria "Una radio para todos"
820 OAX40 - Libertad

850 OAX4A - Nacional (40 kW) (= FM 103.90 MHz)
 880 OBZ4N - Uni n - (40 kW) "Union, la radio"
 900 OBX4X - Felicidad = FM 88.90 (1 kW)
 930 OAX4E - Moderna - "930 en tu radio. Moderna, Radio  Pap !"
 960 OAX4D - Panamericana "lo que el Per  quiere escuchar" (= FM 101.10 MHz)
 990 OBX4J - Latina
 1010 OAX4U - Cielo
 1040 OBX4O - "OBX4O, 1040 amplitud modulada desde Lima capital del Per " (0.5 kW) *E
 1060 OCY4D - ...xito "Radio ...xito, la gran alternativa"
 1080 OAU4I - La Luz "Radio La Luz, Te bendice"
 1110 OAU4J - Antarki
 1130 OAX4N - Bac n "Radio Bac n Sat la nueva 11 30"
 1160 OAX4C - Cumbia "Radiocumbia 1,160 AM" *NUEVA*
 1200 OAX4B - Cadena (La Luz) (= AM 1080 kHz)
 1250 OAX4L - Miraflores (Victoria) (= AM 780 kHz)
 1300 OAX4S - Comas
 1320 OAX4I - La Cr nica (Nacional) (= AM 850 kHz)
 1340 OAU4Q - La Luz (= 1080 kHz)
 1380 OCY4U - Nuevo Tiempo (Con nueva ID) (0.5 kW)
 1400 OBX4W - Callao (retransmite eventos deportivos de algunas emisoras internacionales) "Callao Super Radio, la primera emisora del puerto"
 1420 OBZ4G - San Isidro (1 kW)
 1440 OAX4K - Imperial 2 (0.5 kW)
 1470 OAU4B - CPN Radio (= FM 90.50 MHz)
 1500 OBX4I - Santa Rosa (retransmite noticieros de algunas emisoras internacionales)
 1530 OBU4C - Milenia
 1550 OBX4P - Independencia (1 kW)
 1590 OAZ4Z - Agricultura

OD= Origen Desconocido

*E= Eventual

= = Paralelo a:

ID= Identidad, cu a caracter stica.

Aparece una nueva emisora en los 1160 kHz; por ahora en prueba con programaci n de m sica tropical. SALUDOS DESDE LIMA PERU (Rub n Su rez, May 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. QSL: 9400, FEBC, p/d "Sailing Vinta" card and personal letter in 26 days for 2 IRCs. V/S, Menchie Marcos, QSL Secretary (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, NH, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. If you would like to receive a set of heavy picture postcards, just send one reception report to Polish Radio, Hebrew

Section. Polish Radio broadcasts in Hebrew, daily except Friday at 1800-1830 UT on 9695 kHz (David Crystal, Radio Topics, June World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. Only single transmitter on Tiganesti site used TODAY--- Noted since about 0530 UT this morning June 1st: RRI Bucharest now on limited schedule on shortwave, during reconstruction and refurbishing phase at Galbeni site, where new 300 kW units and antenna farm will be refurbished in coming months.

Today only a single transmitter, instead of scheduled TWO! at Tiganesti and the usual ancient Saftica[*] transmitters of 20/50 kW are in use.

Arabic	0630	11730	TIG
Aromanian	1830	7130	*SAF
English	1200	15220	TIG
German	0600	7125	TIG
	1800	7160	TIG
Italian	1800	7130	*SAF
Romanian	"Curlerul Romanesc", Suns only		
	0700	15260	TIG
	0800	11970	TIG
	0900	15380	?TIG
	1800	nothing	
Serbian	1930	6130	*SAF
Spanish	1900	11715	TIG
Ukrainian	1900	7205	*SAF

Only few logs, sorry I was out today. 73
wb. (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] Seemingly fixed the fault now. RRI Spanish now at 2100-2156 on both 9755 and 11965 (Wolfgang B,schel, June 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is good news. At least one broadcaster has plans for SW in the future (Jerry Lenamon, TX, ibid.)

** RUSSIA [non]. Glenn, Tonight, May 31 UT for the 0300 hour (0340 now) V of Russia vs CRI Brasilia on 9665. VoR is winning with the Log Periodic at about 5 degrees and the Icom R71a. I tried the ATS-803a with whip out by the firepit in the back yard and CRI was the winner. So it appears, tonight anyway, the Log wins. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. BSKSA HQ buzzy transmission on 11915 kHz is 14 kHz wide now, but has tremendous side band buzz and ignition like spikes on both sidebands. 11825-11908 and 11922-12032 kHz. 18-23 UT May 30th (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

An addition Wolfgang Bueschel's observance of BSKSA 11915 buzz. 05-30-08 at 1930, I checked this out after his post came thru to see what all the buzz was about. it is horrible here in Eastern USA with splatter nearly 15 kHz wide also. Audio just impossible to hear. one could only imagine what it is doing to the 25 meter band in the gulf states and in northern africa. +30 dB here on the S-meter. anyone listening in that area of the world who could comment? (Steve Price, Johnstown, PA (R-5000 with 400 foot beverage and buried ground counterpoise), HCDX via DXLD)

Saudi Arabia faulty transmitter fixed --- While listening to the Voice of Korea on 15245 at 1548 today, Saturday 31 May 2008, the Saudi Arabian transmitter on 15205 was switched on. The usual noise made all but the very strongest broadcasts unlistenable on 15 MHz (noise from 14550 to 16000). At 1606 I was intending to listen to Radio France on 17605 but that was inaudible so I tried 15605 but that was also inaudible, but not because of Saudi Arabia, just very poor signal.

So I checked 15205 and got excellent reception of the Qur'an, presumably from Saudi Arabia, no noise of any kind. The transmitter must have been fixed some time around 1600. Hopefully permanently. Still excellent noiseless reception at 1622 recheck. Regards (Harry Brooks, NE England, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not really disappeared --- 15435 kHz Call of Islam program puts out a buzz ahead of the program speaker voice, in 15428 to 15440 kHz space - but not on wide space distortion mode today May 31.

Noted around 1630 UT, 3-4 signal peaks, when switched my receiver to USB/LSB mode. Registered 1500-1800 UT. All other ARS channels 'clean' at 1630 UT.

BSKSA Riyadh. Five transmissions are BUZZ free at 1820 UT: General Service 9555 and 9870 kHz. HQ service 11715, 11820, and 11915 kHz. May 31 at 1800-2300 UT. But when checked at 1930 UT again, 11915 put out a medium sized buzz on 11798-11892 and 11915-11967 kHz range (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15205 buzzing again today June 1, at 1636 15192 to 15212 (Mike Barraclough, England, ibid.)

Detected Radio Buzz at 1700 on 15215, and 11915 at 2044 June 1. 95% noise, 5% audio. Simply unbelievable. Do these guys really monitor themselves? (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica., ibid.)

Well, at least it seems like they are monkeying with it instead of just ignoring it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. I did not have a chance to check for IRS on new 6190 May 30-31-June 1, as they promised, but June 1 after 2330, 0000 and 0100 UT June 2, I could hear something on 6190 that was not there before; poor reception these dates, but presumably IRS, and no more co-channel on XEPPM 6185. At 0115, 6190 was playing classical music, and so was it when I brought up the webcast at 0125, in time to hear the lack of any announcement about the music (just disposable fill?), and the standard sign-off claiming the frequencies are 6100 and 7240, which of course apply only to the European service, so we'll never hear them announce 6190, as they never announced 6185 either. How convenient for them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SLOVAKIA. Re 8-061: ``New transmissions of NEXUS IBA IRRS Shortwave in English from May 5: 0430-0530 on 5990 RSO 150 kW / non-dir to Eu/ME/NoAf Mon-Thu (DX Mix News Bulgaria, May 13 via DXLD) So what program? EGR?`` --- Programme is Tony Alamo via European Gospel Radio (Website via Mike Barraclough, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. SLBC STOPPED TAMIL MW TRANSMISSIONS TO INDIA

From 01-06-2008, Sri Lankan Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) stopped the MW Service on 873 kHz to Indian Listeners. This frequency mainly used for Tamil Service. This particular service started on 1925. At present the only MW Tamil service from SLBC is on 855 kHz for the Sri Lankan Tamil listeners.

Few years back they stopped the evening service on 873 kHz. From January 2008 they reduced the morning service. According to the SLBC officials, they didn't get advertisement for that service. They spend three lakhs Rupees per day for transmit the programme to South India. Here in Tamil Nadu so many private FMis acquired the SLBC clients for the advertisement. This is also the one of the reason to stopped the well known historical service.

History of the Organization in Brief

The history of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation dates back to year 1925, when its first pre-cursor, iColombo Radioî, was launched on 16th December 1925 using a Medium Wave radio transmitter of one kilowatt of output power from Welikada, Colombo. Commenced just 03 years after the launch of BBC, Colombo radio was the first ever radio station in Asia.

This new medium of mass communication not only became increasingly popular in the years that followed, but also quickly evolved into a medium of national character, which led to the iRadio Serviceî being organized as a separate department of the government of Ceylon (as country was then called) by the ëcall signî ëRadio Ceylonî in 1949.

Subsequently in 1967, the Department of Broadcasting was transformed into its present statutory form of a state corporation by the Ceylon broadcasting corporation Act. No 37 of 1966 of the parliament of Ceylon, thereby assuring increased autonomy and flexibility in the operations of the new organization.

The organization acquired its present name, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, with the transition of the state into the status of iRepublic of Sri Lankaî on 22nd May 1972. SLBC has since continued in the same legal status as a state corporation, and is currently listed under the scope of the ministry of Information and Media of the Government of Sri Lanka.

Transition of Domestic Broadcasting from Medium Wave to FM

As was the case with many national radio stations with the same standing several decades ago, SLBC was relying on medium wave as the primary mode of domestic broadcasting until the dawn of ë90s. Some sporadic FM broadcasts had nevertheless been already introduced at several transmitting stations more as a means of ërelayingí the broadcasts to medium wave transmitting stations. However, by late ë80s SLBC was acting in recognition of the strategic importance of switching from MW to FM as the primary mode of domestic broadcasting. Accordingly, in 1993, ëthe FM Stereo Broadcasting Facility at Colomboí was commissioned with the technical assistance of the government of Japan.

This was followed by the ëIslandwide FM Development Projectí that was launched in year 1995. The objectives of the project were to develop an Islandwide multi-channel FM stereo broadcast transmission network and to divest the costly domestic medium wave transmitting stations, which were typically broadcasting only one or two programme channels per transmitting station. By 1999, more than 95% countryís total population was being covered by SLBCís FM transmissions with nearly 90% of them receiving all six nationwide channels.

Programme Channels (Radio Services) currently maintained by SLBC

SLBC has, throughout its history, been committed to its mandated task of maintaining the public service broadcasting in Sri Lanka, by way of providing the public with the information and entertainment, and fostering the social, cultural and economic development of the country, and has maintained this commitment as the core guiding principle of its programming policy. Despite the introduction of a certain amount of commercial programming into its operations, in order to partially finance its predominantly public service broadcasting operations, the respective station genres and the programming content are carefully designed to be within its programming policy guidelines.

At present, SLBC's Islandwide (domestic) FM network broadcasts six regular programme channels on a nationwide basis, and those six national channels account for the major proportion of its domestic broadcasting. The six channels are,

1. Sinhala Swadeshiya Sevaya (Sinhala National Service)
2. Tamil National Service
3. English Service
4. City FM (Sinhala)
5. Velenda Sevaya (Sinhala Commercial Service), and
6. Thendral (Tamil Commercial Service)

While the first 03 channels are dedicated for public service broadcasting in the three languages Sinhala, Tamil and English, the fourth one (City FM) is maintained as a channel dedicated for the youth. The last two channels, whilst representing an adult contemporary genre, accommodates a certain amount of commercial content. Besides the above six channels operated on a regular basis, SLBC also operates on nationwide basis a seventh channel, namely the Sports Service, which is a channel dedicated for sports, but only during the times of major sports events such as international cricket matches.

The other component of domestic broadcasting comprises of 04 Regional Services, each of which are originating from respective regional studio centers, and 05 community radio services, operated in five specific areas with substantial socio economic homogeneity. All of these regional and community radio services maintained by the SLBC largely represent a public service broadcasting format with regional community focus.

In addition to the above domestic services, SLBC is also operating a host of overseas services, transmitting in shortwave to the South & South-West Asia and the Middle East, in Sinhala, English, Hindi and several Indian sub-continental languages. Also, there is a medium wave transmitting facility for broadcasting mainly to the Southern regions of India.

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Wikipedia, Dxers Guide Jan-Mar 2006, Sarvadesa Vaanoli, Feb 2004
(Jaisakthivel, Chennai, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. Radio Peace say they are having transmitter problems and that a technician has been dispatched from Kenya. They hope to be back on in a few weeks. They say their current schedule on 4750 and 5895 is 6-10 AM and 5-9 PM local (Hans Johnson, May 30, Cumbre DX) So 4750 heard on remote receiver until 1901* was probably: UGANDA q.v.

** SUDAN. (non). via Sines, Portugal, 17690, Sudan Radio Service, 1500-1528, May 31, English iLets Talki program with discussions about elections in Sudan & human rights. Short breaks of African music. IDs. Into Arabic at 1528. Poor to fair. I believe English might be broadcast only Sat & Sun (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. New 15650, 1505-1545 31.05 [Sat], Miraya FM, Juba, Sudan, via Rimavska Sobota, Slovakia English/Arabic program, ID's, Afropop, English Reggae song, announcement "Sudan Tonight" in both languages, announced a coming rally, ex 9825, 45534. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. Radio Taiwan International is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. We sincerely welcome our listeners to celebrate this important occasion with us! To participate in the event, all you need to do is to send us a short congratulatory message, preferably in just one sentence!

Time: from June 1 to August 15th (postmarked)

How to participate:

Mail to P. O. Box 123-199, Taipei, 11199, Taiwan.

Email to rti @ rti.org.tw Fax to 886-2-28862294

Best entries:

RTI will choose 130 listeners for best entry and there will also be 300 consolation prizes! The entries will be chosen on September 9th at RTI's headquarters in Taipei (to make processing easier, please write your name and address legibly)

Prizes:

Best entry prize: (130): a limited edition RTI watch

Consolation prize (300): an RTI T-shirt

(RTI Website via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, May 31, dxldyg via DXLD)

** TURKEY [non]. At 0354 on 31 May I heard the IS from the Voice of Turkey on 7325. I heard two French IDs, then off at 0359. It came back on at 0400 with chimes, then Arabic. There are no listings of the 0400 transmission on either EiBi or BiNews. I didn't get a chance to hear the English from 0300-0400 via Sackville, so I don't know if the same transmitter was used before and after the 0359 break in the transmission. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Seemingly the technician cut off Sackville transmitter late. Scheduled TRT 7325 til 0359 UT though.

TRT language scheduled from 0400 UT:

Turkish 6040 49 0400-0700 EMR 500

Turkish 11980 25 0400-0700 EMR 500

73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

French at 0400 does follow English on the feed to Sackville, as I have heard it several times on webcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** UGANDA. UNID 4750 ? (via remote receiver in Italy) music program hosted by woman speaking in English. Music sounded religious. From 1825 until 1901* May 30. Poor, not Radio Peace (see SUDAN). Very tentative Dunamis shortwave.

[later:] 4750 --- Dunamis Shortwave: I queried Bible Voice as to whether this one is on and they say the hours are 1500-1900 UT. My program details seem to match what they were airing at this time. So I will make this a presumed log, but please note that I did not hear an ID (Hans Johnson, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** U K. 9415/9610: came across of two symmetrical spurs of DWL German outlet via Woofferton in the morning 0600-0800 UT, each 65 kHz apart. Fundamentals are 9480 06-10 UT 250 kW 70 deg, and 9545 06-08 UT 300 kW 170 degrees. May 31 (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, harmonics yg via DXLD)

12380: An unidentified Arabic language spur observed around 0815-0845 UT. My guess was 2 x 6190 kHz harmonic from Radio Sultanate of Oman engineering check. But checked the only stronger Arabic service at this time span instead: BBC London Arabic program on 15180WOF and 17505CYP. 17505 from Cyprus had some echo delay. So took the pocket calculator for arithmetic

15180 minus 12380 = 2800 kHz

12380 plus [half of 2800] = 13780 kHz

13780 is DWL German relay from Woofferton at 0600-1400 UT 300 kW 120 degrees

15180 is BBC Arabic relay from Woofferton at 0800-1000 UT 250 kW 170 degrees

Nothing traced on symmetrical 16580 kHz. Two receivers E1 and ICF2010 used (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, June 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Roger Wright, controller Radio 3 interview

ROGER WRIGHT CONTINUES TO TOUGH IT OUT AT RADIO 3

With a falling audience, Radio 3's controller tells our correspondent what's going right (intentional or unintentional play on his surname? I suspect the former.)

Roger Wright can't say that he wasn't warned. "Always remember," his predecessor, Nicholas Kenyon, told him, as he handed over the keys to the last bastion of high-culture broadcasting, "that the great thing about being Controller of Radio 3 is that you can't win."

Full article:

http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/tol/arts_and_entertainment/music/article3985498.ece

(The Times May 23 via Mike Barraclough, England, May 31, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Pakistan time change affects VOA Urdu --- Due to the change to Daylight Saving Time in Pakistan the following changes are effective from tomorrow, 1 June, for the Voice of America's Urdu service: MW 972 and 1539 kHz at 1300-0100 (ex-1400-0200) UT
SW service at 0000-0100 (ex-0100-0200) UT on 7135 and 11755 kHz
SW service 1300-1400 (ex-1400-1500) UT on 9340 and 15790 kHz.
(Source: DXAsia)(May 31st, 2008 - 10:10 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) What about Pashto service? See PAKISTAN (gh)

** U S A. Tracy, California SW site being dismantled

A couple weeks ago, while driving on highway 580, I noticed something missing. For many years, there has been a huge SW antenna farm on some US Government property West of the city of Tracy, CA. Ever since I was a kid, I always wondered what was going on in that big, plain white building in the middle of the antenna farm. I made a mental note to myself to drive by there when I had a chance.

That chance was yesterday on my way back from a transmitter site. I drove down Shulte road to the site and almost missed the driveway because all the antennas were gone! No more curtains, rhombics, loops, zepps, nothing. All the wood poles were gone as well. I noticed that the gate across the driveway to the building didn't have any 'No Trespassing' signs on it anymore, and the chain had an open lock on it, so I went in. I drove that long driveway to that big, plain white building like I had always wanted to do, but this time it was different.

The building was abandoned. There is still a fence around the building itself, with 'U.S. Government property, no trespassing' signs on it, so I did not attempt to get inside the building. However, I saw the (now) open trenches at the footing of the building with 16 runs of coax in each cement lined trough, now empty. With 2 troughs on each side of the building (one on West side, one on East side) that would have made 64 total cable runs, and that is about how many different antennas there were, now all gone. There were a few wood poles sitting on a trailer, still needing to be hauled away. I walked around the grounds, noticing what were once pole bases and guy anchors, etc.

I also stumbled upon a large hole in the ground. An ominous one! A perfectly round hole with a metal ring, apparently missing its lid. It looked like a large-scale manhole opening. Peering inside, I could tell it was an underground room, lined with cement and apparently connected to the main building some 200 feet away by a tunnel. I did not drop down and go in, as much as I wanted to!!

The building looks like it is being readied for demolition. The thick, cement walls and thick, concrete filled metal doors are all still sealed, but one metal rollup door in back was partially open. Unfortunately, I did not bring binoculars so I could look in. I sure wish I could have seen inside that building when the site was active. I still don't know what it was for, but it is certainly going to be a thing of the past now. That opportunity is forever missed.

I took several pictures of the site as it is now. When I get to work, I will look up the site on Google Earth to see if the pic they have of the site was done long enough ago that it may still show some of the massive antenna farm that was once connected to that building.

Even the callbox next to the front gate has been dismantled already, its guts hanging out for the world to see. Sad (Paul Shinn, May 31, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

37 42'57.35"N 121 29'59.38" W --- All antennas visible, still at:
<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=37.716776&lon=-121.499752&z=17&r=0&src=ggl>>
<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=37.716776&lon=-121.499752&z=17&r=0&src=msl>>
<<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=37.716776&lon=-121.499752&z=17&r=0&src=yh>>
(Wolfgang B, schel, ibid.)

So what station was it? Tracy is between Modesto and Oakland, not too far from Stockton, but not near Dixon. Tracy is no little town, with population of 80K per atlas (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Glenn: There was sporadic E propagation again this evening on 25 MHz. This time I was able to ID the program content on 25870.

25870 nfm, KLDE, El Dorado, TX, 0200, June 1, 60s and 70s automated oldies format with canned IDs: KLDE 104.9 Sonora/ Eldorado. Weak copy, had to listen in SSB to get rid of receiver shot. I do not have a gain antenna for this band, just general purpose 140 inv vee. Would be solid copy with a beam. Station info at radio locator:
<http://www.radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/finder?call=klde&x=0&y=0&sr=Y&s=C>
(David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11 Meter Band FM-Mode Auxiliary Broadcast Stations Received in Illinois --- I had 11 meters open up quite well Saturday evening at Champaign, Illinois, where I had FOUR auxiliary broadcast stations in at once:

"KLDE-FM 104.9" El Dorado, TX with 50's-60's top 40 oldies on 25870
WBAP Fort Worth, Texas with 'Money Talk' on 25910 kHz;
KOA Denver, Colorado with News/Talk on 25950 kHz; and
KSCS Arlington, Texas with country music on 25990 kHz.

That KLDE reception was a surprise, I was expecting a station from Florida on that frequency and had that instead - I didn't even know they WERE on 11 meters.

All broadcasts were in narrow FM as far as I could tell, though KSCS seemed to cover more space than the others. I had to tune 2 kHz. up or down off channel to hear these broadcasts on my DX-398. KOA is a regular at Champaign, all the others were new catches (Curtis Sadowski, Paxton, Illinois, U.S.A., May 31, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. Looking for QSO with Ted Randall on WBCQ 7415 webcast, Sunday June 1 at 1900, right after Jean Shepherd, instead heard Fred Flintstone Music Show, previous occupant of slot, so look at Ted's website:

``Welcome TedRandall.com! Home of the Ted Randall show and "QSO" the ham radio interview and talk show! The broadcast time for QSO on WBCQ has changed! We invite you to listen on WBCQ 7415 kiloherts Saturday nights at 11 PM EST [sic, presumably means EDT = 0300 UT Sundays]. Programs aired on WBCQ are available as MP3 files for listen or download. We hope you enjoy listening and taking the show with you by means of podcast where ever you go`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB Shortwave: Glenn: We have leased our 5050 transmitter to a local church group: Altamont Church of Christ. Treasure of Truth broadcast, 7 nights per week from 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM Eastern time [2200-0400 UT]. They are using our 150 degree antenna to Cuba and beyond. It is an open lease --- they stay for as long they want to.

We have been very busy with other endeavors here at the WWRB transmitter facility / ROSEANNE Airport: both of our corporate aircraft just came back from the airframe modification center installing 'ultra hi tech' radio directionfinding equipment (FM Pirates beware --- A word to the wise: with ONE pass this equipment can locate a 'hidden' FM transmitter antenna to within ONE meter!). Aerial photography and survey equipment: The gyro-stabilized cameras are amazing; the detail /resolution that can be had with just one pass over a target, all tied into the aircraft's autopilot, flight guidance system & navigation platform. It's astounding! Regards, (Dave Frantz, WWRB, May 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So you are going to bust pirates? Here is the Altamont Church of Christ, in Altamont TN:
<http://www.nostalgiaville.com/travel/Tennessee/Grundy/altamont/9a.gif>
Or is this the one involved with Treasure of Truth? Google found in Nashville: <http://www.lebanonroadchurchofchrist.org/15.html>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

TREASURE OF TRUTH --- In 1999 the Lebanon Road church began supporting Joe and Harriette Gray, who are responsible for the Treasure of Truth radio broadcast. the Treasure of Truth broadcast is a short wave radio ministry which reaches 95% of the world's population. The programs are broadcast weekly in English on 3 antennas, each with from 4.2 to 12 million watts.

The only way many can hear the gospel is by shortwave radio. Our country uses shortwave to broadcast the Voice of America. The United States is distributing thousands of radios with other relief supplies so that many can hear the message of America. On those same radios they can hear the blessed message of Jesus Christ. It is strange, but wonderful, how that physical disaster often works to the furtherance of the gospel and the glory of God (via DXLD)

** U S A. WHRI on new 11750: see LAOS [non]

** U S A. Re 8-052, the Simon Rendezvous Show on WTAM at 0100 UT Sundays --- NOT! I finally got around to looking for it (online) June 1, and the player runs, but silently. Probably because of a stupid ballgame! But then checking the program schedule, I see the Simon show has moved to Saturday afternoons anyway, 1706-1900 UT:

`1:00pm - 3:00pm THE SIMON RENDEVOUS --- Hear world wide business traveler, Simon Badinter's unique view of topics weekly on WTAM. Badinter, who is originally from Paris has proudly called Cleveland his home for the past 10 years. Badinter is the son of French Senator Robert Badinter and Feminist writer, Elisabeth Badinter. He is the chairman / CEO of Medias selling branch of advertising giant Publicis Groupe and is the CO / Chairman of Onspot Digital Network and a member of the Supervisory Board of Publicis Groupe.`

I forgot I left the player running and suddenly it started modulating at 0128 with promos for rightwingnut Bob Frantz, then silent again. Was that during a break in a SBG, and why would anyone be listening to this for any reason except by accident? It happened again at 0150 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWVA and JamboreeUSA --- JamboreeUSA, the long-running live show Saturday nights on WWVA hasn't entirely been replaced by paid religious programs like Brother Scare. Tonight I heard one of my favorites, Creedence Clearwater Revival, or a cover band if the Brothers Fogarty haven't made up yet, perform "'Have You Ever Seen the Rain?", Travelin' "Band", "Run Through the Jungle", and "Up Around the Bend."

It wasn't easy, as 1170 is also a station on Cape Cod simulcasting

WUMB-FM's folk music format from UMass-Boston, so I had to null them out and wait until it was dark enough for WWVA to fade in at about 8:40 PM. This is not a good time of year for it, as the music ends shortly after dark, and a religious program starts at 9 PM local time (Dan Malloy, KA1RDZ, May 31, ODXA yg via DXLD) -0100 UT Sunday

** U S A. RATIONAL RADIO GOES 24 HOURS STARTING JULY 1ST.

From the Dallas Air America Group newsletter

<http://rationalbroadcasting.com/index.php/Rational-Radio-Topics/6-Rational-Radio-goes-24hr-starting-July-1st.html>

"Rational Radio KMNY 1360 am becomes a 24 hr progressive radio station on July 1, 2008 Progressive Talk Radio returns 24 hours a day to North Texas !!! May 28, 2008 - David Clifton of Rational Radio wanted to let our group in on a BIG scoop before anyone else knows. Matter of fact, the ink isn't dry yet but it's a done deal! Progressive talk radio returns full time to Dallas / Ft. Worth on July 1, 2008.

The station is affiliated with our wonderful friends at NovaM and the station will air programs such as: Jones Radio-Stephanie Miller, Nova M -Randi Rhodes and Mike Malloy and Air America -Thom Hartmann. The exact schedule isn't know yet and the moment it is I will let everyone know.

I am grateful to David Clifton (and all the gang at Rational radio) and especially Anita and Sheldon Drobny for not giving up on North Texas!

I appreciate those who credit me in anyway for helping make this happen, mostly I acted as a conduit to get the right people connected. That happened because we all stayed connected, all of you helped make this happen and you will play a vital role in the road ahead.

We know will need to support this station to keep it. They will need local advertisers. Please be thinking of progressive owned businesses that might buy advertising time and let me know! We get a commission for our group if we find an advertiser.

You will hear Randi and Mike Malloy make this announcement on Monday but you are luckily the first to know ! Nancy Cunningham
Let me know what you think [dallasairamerica @ gmail.com](mailto:dallasairamerica@gmail.com)"

From the wikipedia entry on KMNY

"The BizRadio Network is leaving KMNY for KJSA 1110 AM on May 23, 2008. Testing of the new 1110 frequency's signal began in April, 2008. (In 2007, KJSA received a construction permit to move from their 62-year home at 1120, to 1110 AM -- with a considerable power increase to

20,000 watts.) It is rumored that the Rational Radio group will then lease the entire 24 hour-a-day KMNY schedule from MRBI." (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

It's hard to believe the KMNY calls stay on 1360 with BizRadio on 1110, which is a frequency hijacked from Atoka OK into The Metroplex (and Atoka moving to 1120 in faraway Tulsa to make way). KMNY doesn't make it to Enid, despite being 50000 watts day (and 890 watts night) per NRC AM Log, licensed to Hurst TX, which is a SE suburb of Ft Worth. And now I see why, in the NRC Pattern Book, with its U4 array: major daytime lobe heads WSW. A closer look at the map (standard disclaimer) at radio-locator.com shows site is on the W side of Dallas, and nevertheless it covers all of Dallas and Fort Worth, but with a null toward Enid --- even tho there is nothing to protect in this direxion. On the other hand, the 'audience' map on the Rational website shows an oval toward the WNW, not WSW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A. NAB BUSTED AGAIN ON FAKE "SATELLITE CONSUMER" GROUP**

It's amazing how easily Radio Ink and similar publications are fooled by impressive sounding names and a web site:

<http://www.hear2.com/2008/05/show-me-the-con.html>

But maybe we DXers should form our own faux public interest group opposed to IBOC, and give it a catchy name like "Broadcast Listeners for Effective Analog Transmissions," or BLEAT (Harry Helms W5HLH, Corpus Christi, TX EL17 <http://harryhelmsblog.blogspot.com/> May 30 ABDX via DXLD)

**** VATICAN.** I heard Vatican Radio on 31 May at 2313 UT with end of English program on 9600. This is the unlisted broadcast that several listees were discussing earlier this month. Fair, only somewhat readable. Nothing on 12035. 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, May 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** VENEZUELA.** FARC TENDRIAN EMISORA DE RADIO EN VENEZUELA, SEGUN MINISTRA DE COMUNICACIONES COLOMBIANA. Vía Noticiero Digital.

(29-05-2008- 11:26 pm)

<http://www.noticierodigital.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=386601>

Las noticias sobre las Farc y su relación con Venezuela siguen saliendo a la luz. Este jueves, la ministra de Comunicación colombiana, María del Rosario Guerra, denunció que la guerrilla tiene una emisora radial en nuestro país. Guerra aseguró haber escuchado la estación y sostuvo que los equipos de monitoreo del Ministerio indican que esta frecuencia radial se encuentra en Venezuela y se escucha a través del dial en la FM 93.5 CMI

<http://www.cmi.com.co/Contenido/Noticia.asp?nota=15198&seccion=8>

La Ministra de Comunicaci n Mar a del Rosario Guerra, denunci  que las Farc tendr an Emisora de radio en Venezuela. La funcionaria sostuvo este jueves [que] tuvo la oportunidad de o r la estaci n del grupo armado ilegal, cuando se encontraba de visita en el departamento de Arauca. Sostuvo que los equipos de monitoreo del Ministerio de Comunicaciones indica que esta frecuencia radial se encuentra en Venezuela y se escucha a trav s del dial en la FM 93.5. Anunci  que va a hacer investigaciones t cnicas para presentar un informe mejor sustentado sobre el particular a la Canciller a Colombiana, para que desde all  se eleven los tr mites correspondientes ante el Gobierno de Venezuela. Fuente: Noticiero Digital. Publicado por C.DX.A - INTERNACIONAL en 18:56   (via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. 4940v, Radio Amazonas, Puerto Ayacucho, 0130-0145, May 31, Presumed. Strong, ugly, badly distorted signal with LA music. Spanish announcements. Too distorted to catch an ID but Amazonas has a reputation of putting out distorted signals around here (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New [sic] 4940, 0130-0340 01.06, R Amazonas, Puerto Ayacucho (presumed) Spanish talk, 0144 a long program of cumbias and other pop music, impossible to measure the frequency, back on the air, 15232. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE. (non). via Madagascar, 11610, Radio Voice of the People, *0400-0457*, May 31, Sign on with test tone. Short bit of African music at 0401 & into vernacular talk. iRadio VOP  & iRadio Voice of the People  IDs. Short breaks of African music. Some English after 0440 but always difficult to understand due to accents. English news & sports news. Closing English announcements at 0455 with Zimbabwe address & e-mail address. Weak but readable (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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I can't say enough about your program. I don't miss a broadcast and I download the text [summary only]. I love listening to shortwave and I just wish I knew how you keep up with all the material you talk about! It is fantastic! (Bob Jamison (Nicolli), Compton California)

LANGUAGE LESSONS

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CARRAPATA / GARRAPATA / ACARUS / CARRAPATO / CARRA«A

Re 8-064: ``PERU. 5014, R Altura, Cerro de Pasco; May 28, Spanish, 2201 ID iR. Alturaí, 2203-2215 romantic music, 2206 icampa0a del control del carrapata...î [? Not in my dixonary --- gh], 2207 romantic music, in mid-song short canned ID, 2210 veterinary remedy, ads im·ximo poder parasitario... adquieran en Av. La Plata...î, íalegr·ndole con m·s m'sicaí, folk music. QRN, 33222 (L'cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Not in your dictionary Glenn, and in any other; if you look for carrapata, being the real term garrapata, an acarus I think it is, known as tick (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

The announcer in this case was talking about a tick not as an acarus, but as follows: "Any of numerous small bloodsucking parasitic arachnids of the family Ixodidae, many of which transmit febrile diseases, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease." (American Heritage Dictionary). In Portuguese its name is carrapato. 73's (L'cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, ibid.)

Glenn, The best known name for this bloody insect of the spider family is "carraÁa" <http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carrapato>

I didn't know "carrapata" would be the Castilian equivalent. In fact, common folk use the name "carrapato" for tiny, harmless bug like insects that can pest grain, potatoes, rice & alike, but "carraÁa" is absolutely not used in this case. The staation announcement is aimed at farmers of course: ticks usually pest cattle. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY See MOROCCO; PAKISTAN!

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DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: See NEW ZEALAND

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PUBLICATIONS

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SHORTWAVE RADIO MENTIONED IN TWO FICTION BOOKS

Recently, I read a couple of books that had a shortwave radio theme as part of their fictional plots. Nothing earth scattering but any mention of shortwave radio is worth noting since you don't often see our hobby discussed as part of a work of fiction.

First, State of Emergency by Steve Pieczenik (1997). There is a particular mention related to the shortwave radio hobby that lifted my spirits, kind of. To understand the context I should note this book is about secessionist movement that turns into a short American civil war. On page 93 an NSA analyst is describing a list of radio stations that act as a call to arms for various militia groups. The list contains a few that shortwave buffs would be familiar with although one is identified as Philadelphia rather than Red Lion:

iKCCA, 107 FM, Arizona; KCVL, 1240 AM, Colvill, Washington; KDNO, 98.5 FM, Delano, California; KFYI, 910 AM, Phoenix, Arizona; KHNC, 1360 AM, Johnstown, Colorado; KVOR, 1300 AM, Colorado Springs, Colorado; WBTJ, Pensacola, Florida; WHRI, Nobelesville, Indiana; WINB, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; WJCR, 90.1 FM, Upton, Kentucky; WJYM, 730 AM, Bowling Green, Ohio; WMKT, FM, Charlevoix, Michigan; WRNO, New Orleans, Louisiana; and WWCR, Nashville, Tennessee.i

Nothing like having a pile of shortwave radio stations included in the list as being noted for their ipatrioti programming (WHRI, WINB, WJCR, WRNO and WWCR).

The second book is Balance of Power by James W. Huston (1998). In this novel an American freighter is taken over by terrorists, sunk and the crew murdered. Eventually an obscure clause in the Constitution is invoked by Congress to go after the terrorists when the President doesn't use the military. Early in the book (page 2), the Captain of the doomed freighter uses a reference to shortwave radio when describing one of his crew members: iHe tolerated Franklin because he was a good engineer, but deep inside he thought Franklin was a misfit. Probably president of the short-wave club in high school.i

Maybe these books have not portrayed our great hobby in the most favorable light. Okay, maybe these are not the best examples of our fine hobby to be used in recruiting new, potential shortwave listeners. Nevertheless, the great shortwave radio hobby got some mention along the way. I can only hope that maybe in the future we shortwave listeners will be thought of as maybe a little more normal by writers of fictional material. Is that too much to ask? 73, (Rich D'Angelo, PA, June 1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

``short-wave club in high school`` more likely refers to ham radio, not SW LISTENERS (gh, DXLD)

We had a non fiction mention of shortwave radio in our newspaper last weekend. A man was taken into custody for non payment of taxes and his house seized. (Gunfire, the house was burned down, etc.) The only thing he mentioned that he didn't like losing were his ``four



shortwave radios``. They were mentioned by a neighbor as well. The article went on to say that he subscribed to a legal theory put forth by some right wing groups, on ``patriot`` programs, often heard on shortwave stations. I don't believe he was a hobbyist, though. I don't think I would promote shortwave that way myself, however (Mark Taylor, WI, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Not a new novel, but hands down one of the best I know in which radio, and presumably SW radio, figures prominently, is Eric Ambler's STATE OF SIEGE. A western engineer, albeit not an electrical engineer, gets caught up in a revolution in a fictitious East Indies nation (very like a small Indonesia) The local radio station is inoperable and critical for the revolution to succeed. The protagonist, who wishes he really knew more electronics, is ordered to get the station operating again, or else. Great suspense! --don (Don Jensen, WI, NASWA yg via DXLD) ###